103417 - Ruling on mediating in the sale of a tourist village

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I have a chance to mediate in selling a ready-to-run tourism village. If it starts operating then tourists will come to it and they will be served alcohol and other foods and drinks. Is it permissible for me to mediate in this deal?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is not permissible to mediate in the sale of a tourist village which it is known will be a place of evil, immorality and reprehensible actions such as zina, drinking alcohol, gambling, nakedness and other haraam things, because that is helping in sin and transgression. Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression. And fear Allaah. Verily, Allaah is Severe in punishment"

[al-Maa'idah 5:2]

And the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Whoever calls others to misguidance will bear a burden of sin like that of those who follow him, without it detracting from their burdens in the slightest."

Narrated by Muslim in his Saheeh (4831).

How can a Muslim agree to such villages, which are places of immorality and corruption, being established in his country or in any Muslim country, let alone helping to set them up or acting as an intermediary in their sale? Rather what he should do is denounce this evil and disavow it, and strive to change it and remove it.

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We have discussed the ruling on setting up such villages and taking part in their construction in the answer to question no. 82292 and 47513.

You should note that whoever gives up something for the sake of Allaah, Allaah will compensate him with something better than it, and that this world is transient, as are its wealth and pleasures, but that which is with Allaah will abide forever.

May Allah help us and you to acquire beneficial knowledge and do good deeds, and may He suffice us with that which He has permitted so that we will have no need of that which He has forbidden, and by His bounty so that we have no need of anyone but Him.

And Allaah knows best.